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A large portion of the campaign expenses of Arsenio Lacson¹ were met by a small group of wealthy Manila Chinese who asked him to have the Manila Municipal Government give Chinese residents treatment equivalent to that given to other racial groups if he was elected. Since his successful campaign, Lacson has told his financial supporters that he will carry out his promise.

25X1A [REDACTED] reported that Arsenio Lacson, Nacionalista Party candidate for Manila Mayor, canvassed wealthy Philippine Chinese for contributions to his campaign funds and questioned them on the subject of extortion raids by members of the Manila Police Department. [REDACTED] described statements of Senator Lorenzo Tanada and Lacson indicating their endorsement of US intervention in the Philippines. [REDACTED] are other recent reports on the subject of Chinese contributions to campaign funds for the recent elections.

25X1A [REDACTED] Manila Police Department officials have a long record of victimizing Chinese residents. If Lacson is able to stop this practice, and if Military Intelligence Service officials continue their present policy of firing agents who maltreat Chinese, the relations of Philippine Chinese with the Government will reach the highest point in recent years.

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